

GI rider's foot thereon, the forward portion of each sideboard disposed at an angle Δ with horizontal that is -5° to -10° ; and

right and left toe-holds disposed respectively above the rider's toes in a vertical plane for allowing the rider to releasably secure himself to the snowmobile.

86. (Amended) A snowmobile, comprising:

GI2 a frame;

a straddle seat disposed on the frame;

an engine disposed on the frame in front of the seat;

two skis disposed on the frame;

right and left sideboards extending laterally from the frame below the seat on either side thereof, each of the sideboards having a forward portion disposed at an angle Δ with horizontal that is -5° to -10° ; and

right and left toe-holds associated with the right and left sideboards to allow the rider to releasably secure himself to the snowmobile.

sub 52 92. (Amended) An assembly comprising:

GI3 a frame including a tunnel;

a straddle seat mounted on the frame;

an engine disposed on the frame in front of the seat;

two skis disposed on the frame;

a steering shaft operatively connected to the two skis, the steering shaft being disposed over the engine at an angle ϵ of between 25° and 40° from vertical;

CB wherein the tunnel supports a drive belt coupled to the engine and defines a footrest on each side of the seat that is inclined at an angle Δ with horizontal that is between 0° to 10° ; and

wherein a forward-most axle of the drive belt is positioned rearward of the steering device.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.